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FOR: INVERSE LABELING METHOD FOR THE RAPID IDENTIFICATION

OF MARKER/TARGET PROTEINS

MS: Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2004 having a shortened three (3) month period for response which expires on December 10, 2004. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include both two attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of the paper.